

The 121st annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held on Saturday, February 17, 1990 at the Lamar Community College with president Pat Karney presiding.

Jim Schleining gave the invocation. Members of the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association led the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Marvin Lane, President of the Lamar Chamber of Commerce gave the welcome. Kevin Karney gave a slide presentation and talk on his Rotarian trip to Brazil.

Joe Kasza, a member of the CCA board of control reported on some of the CCA activities.

Mel DePra of D.O.W. addressed the group about legislation rodent control, and game animal damages.

Corwin Brown, President of CCA reported on the feeder committee meeting, 1990 farm bill, etc.

Reeves Brown, Executive Vice-President of CCA reported on the status of brand bill, preservation of lands, animal welfare, weed law, and workmans compensation bills.

Reeves Brown, Prssident of Pueblo County Stockmen spoke to the group about the actions of the State Lands committee.

Larry McGee of teh Federal Land Bank ASS'n of Lamar was introduced and thanked for furnishing the coffee and donuts along with the Farm Credit Services.

Following the break, Senator Rizzutto reported on bills introduced in the Senate and problems facing the legislature. Representative Elwood Gillis, reported on budget matters of state government. Corwin Brown introduced Senator Jim Brandon who is running for Colorado's 4th congressional seat. Karen turner of Congressman Brown's staff reported on bills of interest to cattlemen in Washington.

Shawnda Smartt, Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Ass'n president reported on the reorganization of that group and its new officers.

Jim Schleining reported on membership and asked for help in getting new Junior cattlemen members.

Connie Harris, President of South East Colorado Cattlegwomen, reported on her groups activities of the past year, and introduced Marilyn Weber, Colorado Cattlegwomen President who gave a talk about her organizations activities.

Jim Schleining moved the acceptance of last years annual meeting minutes as printed. 2nd by Joe Kasza. Motion passed.

Audit and budget report was given by Bill Sparks. Bill moved to accept this report. 2nd by James Heath. Motion passed. a copy follows. John Smartt gave the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust report. a copy follows.

Resolutions committee Chairman, Steve McEndree, then presented his committee's resolutions for consideration.

1. Wildlife easments
2. Commending State Brand Board
3. Hauling big round bales by farm trucks
4. riparian habitat
5. Thank you's
6. Memorial to deceased members

Steve moved to adopt all resolutions. 2nd by Bill Sparks. Corwin Brown moved to amend #1 to the change the word, would, to ,could, in paragraph 3. 2nd by Steve McEndree. Amendment passed. The resolutions were passed as ammended.

Ray Hays gave a convention report and reported that the 1990 CCA convention would be in Lamar on June 10-13th. Pat announced that Mark McVey has been choosen to attend the Yound Cattlemen's Leadership Conference sponsored by CCA.

Nominating committee chairman, Doug Hasser gave the following report. President, Jim Schleining; 1st vice Pres, Steve McEndree; 2nd Vice Pres, Ross Nielsen; Sec.-Treas, John Smartt; Imm past Pres, Pat Karney; past Pres, Doug Hasser; past Pres, Joe Kasza: Baca County directors, Corwin Brown, Bill Sparks, Mark McVey, and Jess W. Perkins; Bent County directors, Arthur Davis, Teresa Keenan, Tom Pointon, and Terry Seat; Kiowa County directors, Rex Barlow, Kent Johnston, Virgil Lessenden, and Jim Rehfeld; otero County directors, David Mendenhall, Steve Ptolemy; Prowers County directors, Ray Hays, James H. Heath, and Milton Rink. Steve McEndree moved the adoption of this slate of officers and directors by unanimous ballot. 2nd by Teresa Keenan. Passed.

Pat Karney turned the meeting over tonew President Jim Shcleining. James Heath reported that Bent-Prowers and S.E. Cattlewomen were going to host the "Good Morning Lamar Breakfast" on March 21st. He wants to meet with his committee after this meeting.

Bill Wootten thanked Bent-Prowers for sponsoring the Past Presidents and Life Members luncheon at noon.

Being no further business Jim Schleining reminded everyone of the banquet and punchbowl at the Elks Lodge and then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

John A. Smartt

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Resolution 1

Whereas the 1985 farm bill allowed the Division of Wildlife to gain easements for conservation of wild life on FmHA acquired properties.

Whereas the FmHA is considering allowing the DOW to have the easements on five of these properties in Baca County, one in Otero County, and two in Bent County and turning the property to the USDA Forest Service.

Whereas the DOW could prevent any grazing on these lands because of the easements, the property could be taken out of production. This would have the potential to do economic damage to the counties and could be forever removed from the tax role of the county.

Whereas this property was acquired through foreclosure, it should not be turned over to the Forest Service without a hearing on the impact on the economy and its taxing districts, rather it should be sold and kept as a productive tax paying entity.

Thereas the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association and the CCA are on record as being opposed to the issuing of the DOW wildlife easement. There should be no transferring until public hearings are held on the economic impact.

Therefore be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urges the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to seek an immediate moratorium on the transferring of these properties.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Colorado's U.S. Representatives and Senators, and also to the county and state FmHA, Forest Services, and Division of Wildlife offices.

Resolution #2

Whereas the Brand Board through the brand laws are doing a good job of protecting the cattle industry in their present form.

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers go on record to comment the Colorado Cattleman's Association for their work in keeping the Brand Board and the brand laws as they presently are, and be it further resolved that Bent-Prowers urges the CCA to keep up their tough stance.

Resolution #3

Whereas present Statutes has been put in place to allow the hauling of large round bales by truck up to the width of twelve feet thus allowing the hauling of two bales in width. Whereas the bales are six feet long it is nearly impossible to keep it under 12 feet.

Whereas it would make it more dangerous and the freight more expensive to haul them one wide and two high

Therefore be it be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and horse Growers Association encourage our local senators and Representative to change this statute to state farm trucks may haul two large round bales wide up to six foot each in length

Resolution #4

Whereas the USDA's Soil Conservation Service is cataloging the wetlands and riparian habitat without any regard to the land owners personal property, any notification of it being recorded or any way to keep it from being recorded

Whereas these riparian habitats include old stock ponds and any channel that water flows through and any alteration to these areas will require permits and there is a possibility that the land owner could be forced to fence livestock off.

Whereas this will put a financial hard ship on agriculture.

Therefore Be it resolved that Bent-Prowers urges CCA to work towards getting regulations set up so that the land owner will be notified of any action on his property towards riparian habitat

Be it further resolved that regulations be in place allowing the land owner to contest any designated wet lands or riparian habitat through due process.

Resolution #5

Be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who have made us welcome here in Lamar and so generously contributed to the success of this 121st annual meeting.

Resolution #6

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

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Saturday evening, February 17, 1990 the group met at the Lamar Elks Lodge in Lamar for the CowboyPunchbowl and dinner.

A Poe Ballard picture donated by the family of Barbara McEndree was auctioned to raise money for the Cattlemen's Trust and the CCA Endowment trust. A pair of spurs donated by Corwin Brown was auctioned to raise funds for the CCA endowment Trust as a memorial for H. H. Mendenhall. These auctions netted \$2,090.

Following the invocations President Shcleining introduced the head table and Bent-Prowers directors. Jonathan Larrew, Vice-Pres of S.E. Junior Catlemen's presented outgoing advisor Kaye Kasza with a bouquet. Las Animas Transfer was thanked for furnishing the centerpiece. Doug Hasser presented Pat Karney with a belt buckle form the organizaiton for a job well done this past year.

Honorary Life Memberships were given to Dan Hyatt, Barbara McEndree, and Jerry Keffeler.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by "Mad Jack" Hanks. Mad Jack's appearance was provided courtesy of the Arkansas Valley Journal.